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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON JACQUES SOURDILLE,
STATE SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH

1. BORN IN 1922 IN NANTES, SOURDILLE WAS ARRESTED AND DEPORTED BY THE GESTAPO DURING WORLD WAR II. AFTER THE WAR, HE BECAME A DOCTOR (OPHTHALMOLOGIST) AND IN 1970 WAS ACCORDED THE HIGHEST FRENCH DEGREE IN MEDICINE (AGREGE).

2. IN 1968, SOURDILLE WAS ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AS A UDR DEPUTY FROM THE ARDENNES AND REELECTED IN 1973. HE WAS ALSO ELECTED TO THE SEDAN CITY COUNCIL IN 1973 BUT CHOSE NOT TO RUN AGAIN IN THE MARCH ELECTIONS THIS YEAR. SOURDILLE WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE CHAMPAGNE-ARDENNES REGIONAL COUNCIL IN 1970, BECOMING PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL IN JULY 1974. WITHIN THE UDR, HE WAS NAMED TO THE POLITICAL BUREAU IN 1971, BECAME NATIONAL DELEGATE FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN JULY 1972, AND THREE MONTHS LATER WAS NAMED BY ALAIN PEYREFITTE (THEN UDR SECRETARY GENERAL) AS NATIONAL
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SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS. FROM APRIL, 1973, UNTIL DECEMBER, 1974, SOURDILLE WAS UDR ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL AND ALSO DELEGATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS DURING 1974.

3. SOURDILLE IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND IS A MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY'S COMMISSION FOR CULTU-

RAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. OUTSIDE OF POLITICS, HE IS ALSO
A MEMBER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL
CENTER FOR OPHTHALMOLOGY.
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